



EASTERN REGIONAL TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: September 7^h, 2006 **Time:** 1600-1800

Site: Mansfield Health Education Center on campus of St. Vincent Healthcare, Room 7

Present: PClifton RN (coordinator SVH), S Hageman RN(Orthopedics/Billings), B Hurd MD (Surgeon/Billings) MLeedy LPN (Registrar SVH), DMAier MD (Surgeon/Billings) RMickelson RN (Coordinator/Billings Clinic), JNemec RN (State EMS and Trauma), Garth Olds MD (Bozeman), K Peden MD (Chair;Big Timber), Bobbi Perkins (State DPHHS/IP Coordinator), ESchuchard RN (Glasgow), TSinclair RN (Outreach SVH), K Todd RN State Trauma Program Manager, J Weber (AMR/ Billings)

Telepresent:

Big Timber: T Todd RN(Trauma Coordinator)

Plentywood: DAnderson RN, B. Johnson RN

Culbertson: Theresa _____RN

Total: 18 people, 7 facilities plus State DPHHS

Contact information for Billings Participants attached to Meeting Minutes

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN
Meeting called to order at 1600	Minutes reviewed and approved on site. All telemed participants had been mailed minutes	<i>Approved and seconded</i>
Brain Injury Protocol Discussion	Over 2003-2004, a group of providers in Alaska developed and implemented a decision-making algorithm to be used with traumatic brain injuries. Alaska has 3 neurosurgeons to serve a geographic area 5 times the size of Montana and limited aeromedical support. They are currently	<i>Penny Clifton and Richard Mickelson, with the help of Drs. Hurd and Maier, will attempt to identify those patients transferred to Billings with TBI who were discharged within 48 hours of transfer. Those patients CT scans will be reviewed, with the help of neurosurgery, to attempt to</i>

	<p>reviewing their outcomes. Montana, while smaller and better supplied with neurosurgeons (17) had only 4 Level 2 trauma centers and equivalent issues with aeromedical resources. The algorithm was mailed to ERTAC members for review prior to this meeting. Discussion ensued. Dr. Olds reminds all that there is inconsistent comfort amongst rural provider partners and groups about which TBI patients can and cannot be supported in Area Trauma Centers. He also comments that families can demand transport to Billings and that the liability and litigation environment in Montana is not supportive of physicians. This comment is mirrored by the Billings Surgeons who hear from local neurosurgery about the pitfalls of pediatric neurotrauma. We all agree, however, that there is likely a population of patients who could be kept and observed in non-Level 2 facilities.</p>	<p><i>define for ourselves the type of injury pattern that is least likely to deteriorate.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Maier will bring this concern and project to the attention of the neurosurgical group here at SVH. Dr. Hurd will do the same at Billings Clinic</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Olds agrees that Bozeman might be a good target trial site, when the patient population is identified.</i></p> <p><i>Outcomes from Alaska will be watched for.</i></p>
Subcommittee Reports	<p>Education (ESchuchard)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium</u> ; Systems conference Sept 13th for registrars, coordinators, medical directors; General conference Sept. 14-15, Billings MT. Topics for Nursing, Medicine, (with CME) and 	<p><i>Scholarships available: contact Elaine Schuchard.</i></p> <p><i>Hospital tours planned after Systems conference. Assist participants to envision patient flow and triage challenges that may apply to their facilities.</i></p>

	<p>prehospital planned. ATLS refresher course for providers had dropouts and has been cancelled. Students were contacted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TEAM rewrites contracted out to expedite completion. Train-the-Trainer classes planned for 10/23/06. Then available for integration into Disaster CREW weeks. TNCC, ATLS, EMT or past TEAM instructors may be able to teach this course. Plan is to tape the course. Will need to contract with a videotaper as likely to be done off campus. TNCC courses: Billings Clinic: 1/24-25/07 SVH: 3/1-2/07 Billings Clinic: 10/30-31/07 SVH Contact: Penny Clifton Billings Clinic Contact: Nancy Rahm PDA STAT mannequin: requires better model PDA to be more user friendly and ERTAC is seeking canned trauma scenarios to run on and with mannequin. 	<p><i>CREW week information: contact Tim Nordstrom.</i></p> <p><i>TEAM information: Elaine Schuchard or Jennie Nemec</i></p> <p><i>Forward potential teachers to Jennie and Kim and they will send out invites</i></p> <p><i>Contact Richard Mickelson or Penny Clifton to teach.</i></p> <p><i>Limited scholarships possible via Elaine Schuchard</i></p> <p><i>Bill Taylor RN NREMT-P has scenarios they use on their mannuequin and is supposed to be providing those to us. Penny will pursue. To borrow, contact Penny Clifton or Tracey Sinclair. Some training required but tool is valid for trauma education.</i></p>
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	<p>will be referred to Dr. Doug Schmitz, WY State COT chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee members are: Dr. Peden, P Clifton, R Mickelson, J Hansen, JNemec. <p><u>Injury Prevention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to meet due to member schedule conflicts Plan is for data -driven implementation of focused injury prevention strategies Support for regional program development <p><u>EMS/Prehospital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous committee has not been functional for years and past chair is now retiring. Jim Weber new manager of AMR will help to rejuvenate this committee 	<p><i>Attached proposed charter with goals to minutes last month</i></p> <p><i>Plan presentation in December.</i></p> <p><i>Interested in joining to facilitate IP in your ERTAC community, contact Tracey Sinclair or Brad Von Bergen</i></p> <p><i>Will introduce two available programs (ThinkFirst and Lifes' Hard) at Dec. meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Penny and Rich can assist Jim with charter and process formation for this subcommittee.</i></p> <p><i>Jim needs a copy of Trauma Rules.</i></p>
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State Report / Jennie Nemec RN EMS/Trauma special projects, Helena	<p>Graphed and compiled Eastern Region data (gender, mechanism and time of injuries, age group, payor mix, ethnicity, time of day ED disposition presented)</p> <p>Trauma Rules are approved. State can now begin trauma facility designation. Consultation visits to prepare for designation are available</p>	<p><i>State report will be attached to minutes. In the future, will post on our website.</i></p> <p><i>Send consultation and designation requests to Kim Todd RN, State Trauma Program Manager.</i></p>
Bobbi Perkins/ New State Injury Prevention Coordinator	.	
Meeting dates for 2006	December 14, 2006 (Billings Clinic host)	<p><i>Welcome suggestions for education topics or cases from you to present.</i></p> <p><i>Also welcome cases you would like to present.</i></p>
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Meeting Adjourned 1800.		
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Minutes respectfully submitted 9/20/2006 Penny Clifton RN/SVH Trauma Coordinator

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